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## Senator Coleman Earns Education Advocacy Group's Endorsement

Mo. National Education Assn. Backs Coleman's Senate Re-Election Bid

St. Louis – Senator Maida Coleman, D-St. Louis, recently secured the backing of the Missouri National Education Endorsement (MNEA), a significant help as she works to secure a second term in the Missouri Senate.

"It's a great honor for me to have earned the trust and support of the MNEA," Sen. Coleman said. "It's a pleasure working with groups that realize that investing in education today makes for a better Missouri tomorrow."

The MNEA, a 32,000-member advocacy group supporting public schools, public school students and public school employees, cited Senator Coleman's "consistent and proven support for educational issues" in issuing the group's early endorsement.

Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives from the 63rd District in 2000, Senator Coleman joined the Senate after winning a special election in February of 2002. Her party colleagues elected her assistant minority floor leader just nine months later. This year marks Senator Coleman's first regular Senate election. Should she prevail in November, voterapproved term limits would end her time in the Senate in January of 2009.

Senator Coleman has championed education initiative throughout her time in the Capitol and hopes to be able to continue her school advocacy work in the legislature.

"Our children's preparedness for the future is so important," Sen. Coleman said. "I want to do everything I can to make Missouri's schools the very best in the nation."